Table B2. Metric Prefixes

| Unit Multiple | Prefix | Symbol | Unit Multiple | Prefix | Symbol |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 10 ¹ | deka | da | . 10 ⁻¹ | deci | d |
| 10 ² | hecto | h | . 10 ⁻² | centi | С |
| 10 ³ | kilo | k | . 10 ⁻³ | milli | m |
| 10 ⁶ | mega | M | . 10 ⁻⁶ | micro | |
| 10 ⁹ | giga | G | . 10 ⁻⁹ | nano | n |
| 10 ¹² | tera | T | . 10 ⁻¹² | pico | р |
| 10 ¹⁵ | peta | Р | . 10 ⁻¹⁵ | femto | f |
| 10 ¹⁸ | exa | E | . 10 ⁻¹⁸ | atto | а |
| 10 ²¹ | zetta | Z | . 10 ⁻²¹ | zepto | z |
| 10 ²⁴ | yotta | Υ | . 10 ⁻²⁴ | yocto | У |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, *The International System of Units* (*SI*), NIST Special Publication 330, 1991 Edition (Washington, DC, August 1991), p. 10

Table B3. Other Physical Conversion Factors

| Energy Source | Original Unit | multiplied by | Conversion Factor | equals | Final Unit |
|---------------|--|------------------|--|--------|--|
| Petroleum | barrels (bbl) | Х | 42 ^a | = | U.S. gallons (gal) |
| Coal | short tons long tons metric tons (| x x (t) x | 2,000 ^a 2,240 ^a 1,000 ^a | = = = | pounds (lb) pounds (lb) kilograms (kg) |
| Wood | cords (cd) | x x | 1.25 ^b 128 ^a | = = | short tons cubic feet (ft ³) |

^aExact conversion.

^bCalculated by the Energy Information Administration.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, *Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, NIST Handbook 44, 1994 Edition (Washington, DC, October 1993), pp. B-10, C-17, and C-21.